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Dear Mr. Amarel:

This is in response to your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request that was sent electronically to the U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS), FOIA office. You requested a copy of the last 200 pages of emails sent to, from, or copied to DHS-oig.officepublicaffairs@oig.dhs.gov. DHS located one (1) page within their files that originated at the U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT), Office of the Secretary (OST). This page was referred to DOT for processing.

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I am the person responsible for this determination. If you are dissatisfied with this response, you may appeal to Judith S. Kaleta, Deputy General Counsel, U.S. Department of Transportation, 1200 New Jersey Ave., S.E., Washington, DC 20590. If you prefer, your appeal may be sent via electronic mail to ost.foia.appeals@dot.gov. An appeal must be received within 90 days of the date of this determination and should contain any information and arguments you wish to rely on. The Deputy General Counsel's determination will be administratively final.

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